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SUBJ: GATT BALANCE OF PAYMENTS COMMITTEE: 1977 SCHEDULE

1. FOLLOWING COUNTRIES ARE SCHEDULED FOR FULL CONSULTATIONS WITH THE GATT BALANCE OF PAYMENTS COMMITTEE IN 1977: FINLAND, ISRAEL, PORTUGAL AND TURKEY. FOLLOWING SCHEDULED FOR MINI-CONSULTATIONS: ARGENTINA, CHILE, EGYPT, INDIA, INDONESIA, PAKISTAN, PERU, SRI LANKA.

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2. SECRETARIAT'S TENTATIVE THINKING IS TO SCHEDULE FINLAND AND MINI-CONSULTATIONS FOR MAY AND REMAINING FULL-CONSULTATIONS AND ANY FULL CONSULTATIONS REQUESTED WITH COUNTRIES ON THE MINI-BOP LIST FOR THE FALL.

3. FINLAND IS AN ART. XII CONSULTATION. ISRAEL AND PORTUGAL ARE ANNUAL BOP CONSULTATIONS, BUT NOT SPECIFI-

CALLY UNDER ARTICLES XII OR XVIII. FULL CONSULTATION WITH TURKEY WILL BE TO CONSIDER EXTENSION OF SAIVER TO PERMIT MAINTENANCE OF STAMP DUTY IF TURKEY DECIDES TO ASK FOR EXTENSION, OTHERWISE ONLY A MINI-CONSULTATION IS SCHEDULED.

4. TO AID WASHINGTON IN DECIDING WITH WHICH MINI-BOP COUNTRIES WE MIGHT WANT TO REQUEST FULL CONSULTATIONS, FOLLOWING IS RECORD OF PREVIOUS CONSULTATIONS: ARGENTINA-FULL IN 1972, MINI IN 75; CHILE-FULL IN 1967 AND 1969, MINIS IN 74 AND 75; EGYPT-FULL IN 1968 AND 1970, MINIS IN 73 AND 75; INDIA-FULL IN 1967, 1969 AND 1973, MINI IN 75; INDONESIA-FULL IN 1967 AND 1970, MINIS IN 73 AND 75; PAKISTAN-FULL IN 1967 AND 1969, MINIS IN 73 AND 75; PERU-FULL IN 1967, 1969 AND 1975; SRI LANKA-FULL IN 1966, 1968 AND 1971, MINIS IN 73 AND 75. (IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT MINI-BOP PRECEDURE WAS NOT IN EXISTENCE BEFORE 1972.)

5. FIRM RECOMMENDATIONS ON FULL CONSULTATIONS CANNOT BE MADE FROM HERE UNTIL WE SEE INDIVIDUAL DOCUMENTATION LATER IN THE YEAR, BUT FACTORS WASHINGTON SHOJLD CONSIDER ARE: DATE OF LAST FULL CONSULTATION, RECENT CHANGES IN IMPORT REGIME, TRANSPARENCY OF IMPORT REGIME AND SIGNIFICANCE OF COUNTRY AS TRADING NATION.

6. IF WASHINGTON HAS ANY PRELIMINARY THOUGHTS ON THIS MATTER, WE WOULD APPRECIATE HEARING ABOUT THEM IN THE NEAR FUTURE. WE BELIEVE WE SHOULD BEGIN EARLY AND QUIET PREPARATION WITH OUR COLLEAGUES ON COMMITTEE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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REGARDING ANY POSSIBLE REQUESTS FOR FULL CONSULTATIONS.

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